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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

On page 1, first paragraph, please delete the first paragraph beginning on line 1 and ending on line 7, and substitute the following therefor:

— This application is related to the U.S. patent application entitled, "Spectral Data Classification of Samples" and identified by U.S. Serial No. 09/738,481 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,421,553) filed on even date herewith (December 15, 2000), and the U.S. patent application entitled, "A Spectroscopic System Employing A Plurality of Data Types" and identified by U.S. Serial No. 09/738,613 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,385,484) filed on even date herewith (December 15, 2000). All of the above applications are assigned to the common assignee of this application, and are hereby incorporated by reference. —

On page 13, lines 19-20, please delete the sentence beginning on line 19 and ending on line 20, and substitute the following therefor:

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